

Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday, December 14, is the Third Sunday of Advent and our CHRISTMAS CANTATA! The third Sunday of Advent is fittingly Gaudete Sunday, our annual celebration of JOY. With our choir leading us in worship, it promises to be joy-filled indeed! Please be sure to join us in whatever way you are able to and invite others to do so as well. In preparation for Sunday, be intentional about experiencing joy. What are the sources of it in your daily life? How do you embody joy?

Since the Word will be brought by the choir, I have included a previously preached sermon.

We will continue our practice of hybrid worship. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for online worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook.

For Youtube Live, please go to our channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/,
subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before the service starts. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select "Live" videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at: <https://fpchighland.org/worship>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around the start of worship. A recording of the service will remain on our Facebook page if you want to watch later.

I leave you with these words from *Isaiah*:

***The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and shouting.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God!***

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem

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